(2) Owing to the steep falls of the valleys, large amounts of silt and slipped earth are carried and deposited on the lands.

(3) There is also a tendency of the banks breaching due to the impingement of the water descending with high velocity along the steep valley lines.

To minimise these damages he suggests the following remedial measures:—

(1) Planting aloes and similar plants along the valley lines for the hallas on either side entering the channel, to prevent side slips and their being carried into the channel, and to arrest most of the silt brought in, by the hallas.

(2) Constructing relieving weirs, with silt traps where required, at all the cross hallas to prevent sudden swelling of flow in the channels.

(3) Rough stone revetment, to be done to the bank slopes wherever they are liable to cut up the flow of water, as in cases of curves, or where hallas enter the channel. This measure will be necessary in special cases as the cost of construction is heavy.

2. The Revenue Commissioner agrees with the opinions expressed by the Deputy Commissioners of Kadur and Hassan that the formation of Committees, as suggested in the Assembly would serve no useful purpose. He recommends that the proposals of the Executive Engineer, Hassan Division, may be given a fair trial.

3. Government are pleased to accept the recommendation of the Revenue Commissioner and to direct that the measures suggested be tried in one selected taluk, to begin with, in consultation with the Public Works Department. The cost during the current year may be met by reappropriation of funds at the disposal of the Revenue Department and the Revenue Commissioner may intimate to the Comptroller direct the exact source. Proposals for making necessary provision in the next year's budget may be submitted by the Revenue Commissioner. The question of extending the measures to the other Malnad taluks will be considered on receipt of a report from the Revenue Commissioner as to how far the scheme has been beneficial in the selected taluk.

4. The Revenue Commissioner is requested to issue necessary instructions to the Local Revenue Officers to encourage the Malnad raiyats to make use of the facilities created in Government Order No. R. 3363-4—R. M. 207-06-5, dated the 28th November 1907.

B. NAGAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

ANNEXURE.

Letter No. C. 3639—25-26, dated Bangalore, 9th—11th December 1925, from C. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A., Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Revenue Department.

Adverting to your No. R. 7150—L. R. 149-24-70, dated 29th May 1925, calling for proposals on Subject No. 26 of the Representative Assembly of October 1924, the constitution of a Committee for devising measures to minimise danger to lands on the sides of channels in the Malnad, I have the honour to forward herewith the original the reports received from the Deputy Commissioners of Kadur, Shimoga and Hassan and to state as follows:—

2. The Deputy Commissioners of Kadur and Hassan are not in favour of forming any Committee for this purpose. The Deputy Commissioner of Kadur thinks that if the majority of the land-owners instead of sitting on Committees execute the necessary customary repairs to channels and water-courses whether small or large, there would be no danger to the lands above and below. The Deputy Commissioner of Hassan submits a note prepared by the Executive Engineer, Hassan, suggesting certain

remedial measures to prevent damages being caused to lands by the sides of channels. I beg to recommend that the proposals of the Executive Engineer may be given a fair trial. The Local Revenue Officers will be asked to encourage the Malnad raiyats to make use of the facilities created in Government Order No. R. 3363-4—R. M. 207-06-5, dated 28th November 1907.

3. The Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga, is in favour of the formation of a Committee, but as regards the suggestion of Mr. H. Krishna Rao, that Officials should not interfere with the repairing of check drains, he thinks that it is necessary that raiyats should obtain previous permission before making new ones or repairing old ones, for the reason that they invariably attempt to encroach upon large extent of gomal lands often times with valuable timber under the pretext of draining off surplus water. In order to prevent such encroachment, Revenue Officers should have the right to enquire the party concerned to provide sufficient pathways across the drain or trench so as to give access for men and cattle to the land included within the trench or drain. With this reservation, raiyats may be permitted to cut trenches or check drains.